

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

B1 The present invention is directed to isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding protein, wherein the protein has transcriptional activator activity. Expression vectors and host cells comprising the nucleic acid molecules are also provided, as well as methods for increasing or decreasing the expression of the transcriptional activator protein in host cells. The invention further provides methods of screening a substance for the ability of the substance to modify transcriptional activator protein function, and a method for isolating other transcriptional activator protein molecules.